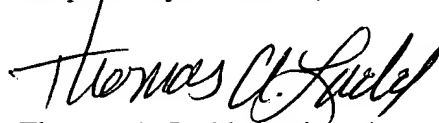


REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the diligence of the Examiner demonstrated by identification of the references applied in the Office Action of July 1, 2004.

The forgoing amendments to the claims are believed to identify the invention with greater specificity and establish novelty and unobviousness over the art of record. Claims 1, 3 – 5, 10 – 13, - 15 – 17, and 22 – 24 are believed to be in allowable form. Early and favorable action is solicited.

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